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1. [REDACTED] on 3 April 1953, a military band of 32 pieces and 16 platoons each of 5 officers and 48 men marched out of the Fridericus Kaserne in Neuruppin. Each platoon was headed by a major. The troops passed in review in front of 2 generals who arrived at the athletic field with sedan [REDACTED]. Subsequent athletic performances were also witnessed by 48 uniformed women who arrived on trucks [REDACTED]. On 13 April, SU-122 guns [REDACTED] moved out of the installation and drove to Gentzrode. On 16 April, JS-2 tanks [REDACTED] and SU-122 guns [REDACTED] drove to Gentzrode. [REDACTED] on 20 April, T-34 tanks [REDACTED] the installation for Gentzrode. Trucks [REDACTED] towing 160-mm mortars were seen in traffic from and to the installation.

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2. The following observations were made in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne:

[REDACTED] on 9 April: about 50 soldiers engaged in firing practice while two platoons of about 50 soldiers each engaged in close-order drill.

[REDACTED] three platoons, each of 25 soldiers, marched out of the installation and, later, engaged in firing practice in the training area behind the brewery.

[REDACTED] on 10 April: four trucks occupied by troops and towing 122-mm howitzers left the installation. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on 13 April: group of 8 soldiers each practiced with 4 x 122-mm field howitzers.

[REDACTED] on 14 April: groups of 3 soldiers each practiced with 4 x 122-mm field howitzers while groups of 12 to 15 soldiers each practiced with 4 x 37-mm AA guns.

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[redacted] on 15 April: three platoons, each of 50 soldiers equipped with 3 machine guns on wheeled mounts left the installation. The soldiers were later seen engaged in practice on the training area behind the brewery. The machine guns were mounted on tripods.

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[redacted] on 16 April: 4 trucks carrying troops and towing 122-mm field howitzers left the installation toward the Gentzrode training grounds.

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3. [redacted] on 13 April, T-34 tank [redacted] moved out of the See Kaserne toward the Gentzrode training grounds. [redacted] on 17 April, 3 platoons, each of 25 soldiers with 3 x 160-mm mortars marched to the training area behind the brewery.

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4. [redacted] supply officer Boginsky (fnu) returned to the USSR and was succeeded by Major Khrom (fnu). On 10 April, [redacted] that Gds Lieutenant Colonel Momotenko (fnu) was the new supply officer of the garrison hospital. Gds Major Trushkov (fnu), director of the bathing installation of the division headquarters on Altruppin Allee, returned from furlough in the USSR. The supply officer [redacted] in the Fridericus Kaserne returned to the USSR. He was succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Dronov (fnu). The supply officer [redacted] in the Fridericus Kaserne also returned to the USSR. He was succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Bukovski (fnu). The Fridericus Kaserne was still occupied by about 4,000 troops. The See Kaserne was also occupied as was observed before. Four T-34/85 tanks were seen in the barracks yard. The Friedrich Franz Kaserne was also occupied as was observed before. [redacted] supply officer Gds Lieutenant Colonel Zultanov (fnu) were again identified. Two 85-mm AA guns stood near a garage. Unit Berevenko (fnu) in the former telegraph construction office numbered 296 men who had fallen in in front of the building to bid farewell to Berevenko (fnu) who was going back to the USSR. His successor has not become known.

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5. Prior to 18 April, no changes in the occupation of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne were observed. The installation housed 1,700 to 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Three platoons each of about 50 soldiers and 1 officer engaged in practice marches, and 10 soldiers practiced with 2 x 122-mm field howitzers, at 1:45 p.m. on 16 April. [redacted] on 17 April, 1 officer and 20 soldiers practiced with 5 x 120-mm mortars near the barracks installation.

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6. On 23 April, the Fridericus Kaserne was occupied to capacity. The quarters were about 95 percent lighted at dusk. The officers billets on Strasse der Weltjugend and Gerhart-Hauptmann Strasse also belong to the Fridericus Kaserne were also about 95 percent lighted. T-43 tanks [redacted] and a jeep moved out of the installation toward Altruppin on 17 April. [redacted] these vehicles were loaded onto two flatcars at the Altruppin railroad station by a loading detail of 1 officer and 16 EM with red-bordered black epaulets.

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7. On 26 April, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne was occupied to capacity. At dusk, the quarters in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne and those on Franz Mecker Strasse, Franz Kuenstler Strasse and Junker Strasse were about 95 percent lighted. Between 8 and 26 April, groups of 6 to 8 soldiers each would daily practice with 2 or 3 x 122-mm field howitzers, while groups of 10 to 12 men engaged in close-order drill, in the barracks yard. Four to six groups each of 18 to 20 men and each equipped with a heavy machine gun left for the training grounds on Stoeffner Weg almost daily. They took along a wooden aircraft model fixed to a pole and would return [redacted]

8. On 24 April, the See Kaserne was occupied to capacity. At dusk, the quarters in the installation and officers' billets on Karl Liebknecht Strasse, Schiffer Strasse and Scholten Strasse belonging to the See Kaserne were about 95 percent lighted. Four new lean-to roofs were erected in the southwestern section of the camp on 24 April.

9. On 26 April, the former garrison hospital was occupied to capacity. The installation was about 95 percent lighted at nightfall. The driving school in the former Fontane Schule engaged in driving practice daily from 8 to 26 April. [redacted]

[redacted] From 200 to 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets daily marched from the Friedrich Franz Kaserne to the driving school.

10. On 10 April, the warehouse administration of the Kech in Neuruppin told Neuruppin railroad station that the cars [redacted] belong to Gentzrode. Between 8 and 26 April, no troop entrainments were made in Altruppin and Neuruppin. An employee of the slaughterhouse told source that about 3,000 kg of meat were daily delivered to Neuruppin military post. The Vogt Tire factory and Vulcanization Plant was transferred to Berliner Strasse, Oranienburg, at the beginning of April 1953. On 20 April, a unit of about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, several officers, 4 radio trucks, about 12 trucks and about 5 jeeps were seen on the premises of the factory on 20 April.

11. Except for the loading practice, no entrainment of troops was made at the Altruppin railroad station between 3 and 20 April.¹

1. [redacted] Comment. The report tends to indicate that the units of the 12th Gds Tank Div stationed in Neuruppin were at the post until the end of April 1953. It appears that no changes in the distribution of troops onto the individual installations have occurred. The loading practice mentioned in paragraphs 6 and 11 was previously reported. [redacted] Infantry training up to platoon level and training with heavy weapons at battery level was repeatedly observed. The unit observed in the Vogt factory is possibly identical with the unidentified unit that left the Weisse Stadt Settlement in Oranienburg toward a northerly direction on 16 April. [redacted] confirms the 48th Gds Tank Div in the Fridericus Kaserne, Neuruppin, until 10 April 1953. [redacted] confirms the 49th Gds Tank Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div in the Fridericus Kaserne, Neuruppin, until 10 April 1953. [redacted] confirms the unidentified AAA regiment of the 12th Gds Tank Div in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne, Neuruppin, until 10 April 1953. [redacted]

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confirms the 205th Engr Bn of the 12th Gds Tank Div in
Gentzrode until 8 April 1953. Of the officers, Captain
Boginski (fnu), Gds Major Trushkov (fnu), Gds Lieutenant
Colonel Zultanov (fnu) and Berevenko (fnu) without rank,
were previously reported by the same source to have held
these positions and to have belonged to the units mentioned.

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